

Message from the DLA President, Tom Nelson

Welcome back to Deer Lake for another enjoyable season!

The DLA Board and many volunteers have lined up a full schedule of social activities for the summer. Please add the dates found here into your calendar. Beyond this Newsletter lies our DLA Website and Facebook page. Please visit these portals often. Among a comprehensive schedule of activities you will find much of interest regarding our lake, its community and phenology. Check the vast archive of Deer Lake photography as well as an up-dated on-line copy of our handbook, Beautiful Deer Lake.

The Board has also been working on several new initiatives to protect our water quality. We have started work on an Action Plan that will result in an official Deer Lake Management Plan, which can be used to garner grants for water projects. To amplify that effort, we are seeking community partners to form a "Deer Lake Clean Water Collaborative".

Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) continue to threaten Deer Lake. Because of all the hard surfaces in the lake together with the high calcium content of the water, we are a high-risk lake for Zebra Mussels. And there are many more such unwelcome invaders on the horizon. Some of these can seriously ruin the lake for angling, boating, swimming and general livability...not to mention our property values. We all must remain vigilant! The County AIS program's access inspectors can do only so much: it is up to all of us to take personal responsibility and keep our guests well aware of the situation.

For all these reasons your membership is critical to the DLA's mission to provide and protect our recreational opportunities and still pristine environment. **Please join or renew your DLA membership by May 1** in order to take full advantage of our summer initiatives, activities, and communications. It's only \$25 per family. Please complete the membership application on page four of this newsletter and mail it along with your check!

Tom Nelson, DLA President



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DLA News Spring 17 Edition

Opening Remarks:

I am writing this on the first of March. Last night the Wild won again to remain atop of the Western Conference. By the time this is distributed I hope they are still victorious. We've lucked out with a mild winter and now it is time to look forward to opening up some cabins and figuring out at what temperature we all are willing to take our first dip in the lake.

Calendar:

Jun 17: DLA Mtg (Hiawatha 9-1100)

Jul 8: Annual DLA Mtg + elections
(DR Town Hall) Pot Luck at 1640

Aug 15: Deer Lake Frolic, Hiawatha 1630
(Dinner at 1800)

Aug 30: Spaghetti Feed (Hiawatha 1700
Show & Dinner at 1800)

DLA Golf Scramble for 2017

PLAY IS 3RD TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH
EXCEPT MAY & SEPTEMBER

Please RSVP and do everything possible not to cancel as it makes team assignments extremely difficult – Thank you and look forward to golf!!

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May 23RD 2:30 PM --- \$18 + tax inc. cart
Golf Course: Pokegama
Dinner: Pokegama Grill following golf
RSVP by: May 18th

June 20TH - 1 PM -- \$20 + tax inc. cart
Golf Course: Eagle Ridge
Dinner: Cedar Creek Grille – 5:30 PM
RSVP by: June 14th

July 18th 2:30 PM -- \$20? + tax inc. cart
Course: Sugar Hills
Dinner: Otis Grill after golf
RSVP by: July 12th

August 15th 1 PM -- \$15 + tax inc. cart
Golf Course: Blueberry
Dinner: 5:30 PM Cedar Creek Grille
RSVP by: August 9th

September 12th 2:30 -- \$18 + tax inc. cart
Golf Course: Pokegama
Dinner: Pokegama Grill after golf
RSVP by: September 6th

Bear Island Clean-up 2017 Schedule

June 2nd

July 7th

August 4th

Sept 8th

(In the event of rain - 'Rolex' 24 hours)

The Bear Island monthly clean-up will again be coordinated by **Bob Baker**. Bear Island was donated to the State of MN by the DLA, who purchased it with donations from lake residents and took advantage of a State matching funds program to protect it and make it available for all to enjoy. Once a month during the summer, DLA members spend about 1 hour keeping the walking trail open and cleaning up any trash left by Mother Nature or people. You can call Bob Baker at 999-5823 to see if it is still planned or just arrive at 9 AM on the schedule day by the DNR sign. **Bob will not be calling people – if we have had a bad storm during the month – please give some extra thought to helping.** Bring gloves, wear long pants and bring equipment (chain saw, clippers, loppers, small saw and/or garbage bag. We hope to see you!!

DLA “Deer Readers” Book Club '17

All sessions begin at 4 pm. I've designated the sites of our sessions. Questions? E-mail Dave Johnson at johnsond@umn.edu

May 30, LA ROSE, Bogenriefs

June 27, HEART OF DARKNESS,
Kleinkaufs

July 25, MADHOUSE EFFECT, Grimsruds.

August 22, CATCHER IN THE RYE, Jan Hill's

September 13, STORIED LIFE OF A.J.
FIKRY, Starks

Firewise will presumably happen again this year, but the dates have not been announced yet.

Road Cleanup:

June 3rd

Sept 8th

Please join us for the DLA road clean up where we combine community service and fellowship! We will gather in the parking lot of the Baptist Church at 9:30 am. The cleanup takes about an hour. When we're done we come back to our cabin for coffee and snacks. It is great fellowship. Please call Kerry or Barb Glader if you are able to join us! [218-246-8397](tel:218-246-8397) or [320-761-0195](tel:320-761-0195)

Creative Endeavors

Planning meeting will be June 13th at 9:00 am at Carolyn Ludwig's home, 34803 Maid Marion Drive, Deer River. Anyone interested is welcome

Membership Request:

We request that you (and those you can bring with you) join or re-up your DLA membership by the first of May. Please see page four or the link below for details.

Key Links:

DLA Website:

<http://deerlakeassociation.org>

Click on the link:

[DLA Mission Statement](#)

[DLA BYLAWS](#)

[Join the DLA](#)

Facebook: "Deer Lake Association"

Simply request to become a member of the 'Closed Group' or have someone invite you directly. It is a fun way to share information as well as pictures.

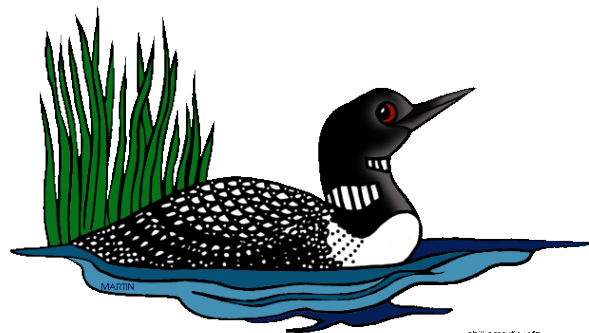
Twitter: @BeautifulDeerLK

Summer Jobs On Deer Lake!

The Itasca County AIS program is looking to fill seasonal inspector positions. Work to prevent the spread of zebra mussels, starry stonewort, and other Aquatic Invasive Species to lakes in Itasca County. Great for all ages 18+, especially those interested in the environment, who want their work to have a positive impact, or like to work with the public. Pay is \$12 per hour, training is provided, no experience required. Weekend and holiday hours required, but you don't have to work every holiday and every weekend. Set your own hours. You can even ask to be assigned to Deer Lake only, meaning that you could canoe or kayak to work. How cool is that! Pls see www.ItascaAIS.info or call [218-256-4243](tel:218-256-4243) for application or more info.

Quote:

"There are men and women who make the world better just by being the kind of people they are. They have the gift of kindness or courage or loyalty or integrity. It really matters very little whether they are behind the wheel of a truck or running a business or bringing up a family. They teach the truth by living it." – James Garfield





New or Renewal Membership Application

Please renew by **May 1** to take full advantage of our summer activities and communications. New Members welcome anytime.

____\$25 **Annual Membership:** Any person, family, firm, association, corporation or other legal entity owning property or residing during all or part of the year within 1,000 feet of the ordinary high water mark of Deer Lake. Definition: "Family" shall mean any two adults who reside in the same household.

____\$500 **Lifetime Membership:** Any person or family owning property or residing during all or part of the year within 1,000 feet of the ordinary high water mark of Deer Lake may purchase a Lifetime Membership via a one-time non-refundable payment. Definition: "Family" shall mean any two adults who reside in the same household. Valid only for the lifetime of the one or two persons named on the original Lifetime Membership application. Not transferable.

____\$12.50 **Associate Annual Membership:** Any person, family, firm, association, corporation or other legal entity which does not qualify for Annual Membership. Associate Annual Members have all the rights of Annual and Lifetime Members except the right to (a.) Nominate candidates for the Board of Directors or officers of the DLA. Or (b.) vote in any meeting of the Board of Directors, unless they are actively serving as a director at the time said vote is taken, or any vote of the membership.

Name: _____

Mailing Address _____ Lake address _____

City/State _____

Zip: _____

Phone: _____

eMail address (please print clearly) _____

Please list here whatever personal e-mail address or addresses you wish us to use in our communications to you.

Our privacy promise to you: We will use your contact information only for official DLA communications, will NOT share it with any other organization, nor will we display it on our web-site.

As a courtesy to Members, the DLA periodically creates and distributes to members-only a directory showing DLA Members and contact information. If you do **NOT** want your contact information to appear in the DLA Directory, please check here ____.

*The DLA is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. **Donations** of any amount to support our lake-water quality efforts and other work are encouraged, **welcome** at any time, and tax-deductible to the full extent of the law. You may include a donation if you wish. Donation amount _____.*

We need help from volunteers to make the DLA go and grow. Are you in a position to volunteer and help out? July is our Annual Meeting and Election. Please consider volunteering to run for an Officer or Board member position. Let us know your area of interest:

Officer ____ **Pres.** ____ **Vice Pres** ____ **Secretary** ____ **Treasurer** ____ **Board member** ____
DLA Lake Management Committee ____ **DLA Neighborhood Communicator** ____

Special interest: volunteer to form a committee and explore possibilities. If you have an area of special interest, concerns or any suggestions regarding Deer Lake and the DLA, please pass them on to us. Thanks.

Be sure and visit the Deer Lake Assn web site <http://deerlakeassociation.org/>, the DLA Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1426038024368278/>, and follow us on Twitter [@beautifuldeerlk](https://twitter.com/beautifuldeerlk)

Please complete and mail application and check to: Herb Lieftring, DLA Treasurer, 36264 Christmas Point Trl., Grand Rapids, MN 55744